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Welcome to This Year's Premier Federal Fleet Event!



The FedFleet 2004 Planning Committee welcomes you to this year's event and to The Big Apple. We will go out of our way to make your time with us as pleasant as possible. We hope you enjoy your stay and learn a lot.

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2004 FedFleet Planning Committee

Planning Committee members not shown in the photos:
Debra Hazelton and Iander Allin, GSA Fleet



Hi, I'm Gary Lind with the U.S. Navy.

I wish you smooth sailing at FedFleet 2004. Let me know if there is anything I can help you with!



Hi, I'm Renee Johnson with GSA, Governmentwide Policy.

Day after day, I'm known as Renee. We've put forth our heart and soul. And it has been our primary goal. When planning this event, To ensure your time here is well spent!



Hi, I'm Martha Kobliska with the U.S. Marshals Service. Throughout this event, it is you we aim to please

So don't be surprised if I approach you with my camera. And ask you to "smile" and say "cheese!"



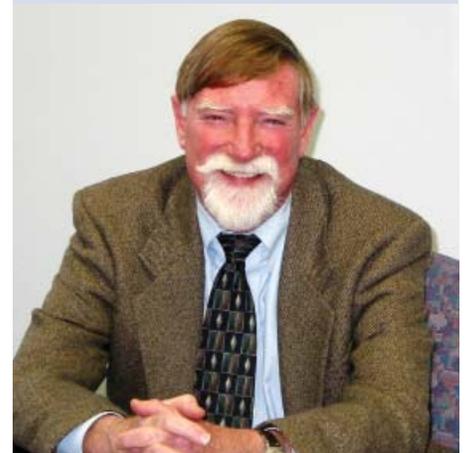
Hi, I'm John "the Q-Man" Adams with GSA, Governmentwide Policy.

I'll be around everyday helping direct this show. To keep you on the go! They call me "Q" and if you're new to the event I want to meet you!



Hi, I'm Sharon Greer with the U.S. Postal Service. We're in a big town

Yes that's true. And there's much going on all around. If you need a hand, I'm here for you!



Hi, I'm John Hughes with GSA. I'm not a stand-in for Santa Claus

But I'm just as jolly as can be. Stop by booth #368 and say hello to me!

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Hi, I'm Dave Eckberg with A-S-K Associates, Conference Management Group.

*I'm a long way from home
I don't think I'm in Kansas anymore!*



Hi, I'm Marcerto Barr with GSA, Governmentwide Policy.

*Greetings from Mrs. Barr
I can't wait to join you in looking at all
the cars!
I'll be working hard as part of the
audiovisual team May your time here be
like a sweet dream!*



Hi, I'm Cy Greenidge with GSA, Governmentwide Policy.

*It's my first time helping out
So although I may not have any clout,
without a doubt,
Together we'll figure it out!*



Hi, I'm Nathaniel Reed with GSA, Governmentwide Policy.

*Everyone calls me Nate,
I'm part of the team that has planned for
months to make this event great.
I am based in Oakland on the West Coast,
and I'm pleased to be one of your hosts.*



Hi, I'm Krista Freer with GSA, Governmentwide Policy.

*Hello Miss or Mister
My name is Krista
To FedFleet I'm new
So on behalf of the crew, can I help you?*



Hi, I'm Laurie Feld with GSA, Governmentwide Policy.

*Hi, my name is Laurie
Would you like to hear a story?
In FedFleet I was born to lead
To fulfill your every professional need
We are here, me and my crew
To make this a most memorable event for
you!*

Greetings FedFleet 2004 Participants:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the **FedFleet 2004** Workshop and Information Fair. My office is pleased to sponsor this year's event with the Federal Fleet Policy Council and GSA Fleet.

We are very happy to have you join us! You have a busy week ahead of you with five general sessions, 48 workshop training sessions, two networking receptions, and a considerable amount of exhibit hall time.

This is a very significant time for all of us in the Federal fleet community. Fleet management is now a priority of the Office of Management and Budget. As a result, the *Fleet Management Review Initiative* is a major focus of **FedFleet 2004**. It is the ideal venue to familiarize yourself with the *Initiative*. The agenda has been set-up to help you prepare for where the management and operation of the Federal fleet is headed.

With the Federal fleet receiving more visibility, let's use this to our advantage. We can use our expertise and experience to correct longstanding problems. We have the unique opportunity to enact major and beneficial change. This will create a more positive, efficient, and effective Federal fleet environment as well as impact the overall performance of the federal government.

Be sure to visit with all of the exhibitors to discuss the challenges you face and how they can provide the assistance you need. We appreciate the support and participation of our exhibitors.

Take advantage of all **FedFleet 2004** offers you over the next three days. I hope you learn a lot, meet many new associates, have a lot of fun, and return to work with a fresh perspective and ready to implement change.

Enjoy your stay and experience some of *The Big Apple's* terrific sightseeing and cultural offerings.

Best regards,

Russ H. Pentz

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Dear FedFleet 2004 Participants:

Welcome to New York City and FedFleet 2004! GSA Fleet is very proud to be a sponsor of this event. FedFleet is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn and network with other fleet managers and vendors. Enjoy your week. Relax, have fun and take advantage of the time you have with your peers in the Federal fleet community. If you have a policy, acquisition or leasing matter you'd like to discuss, please stop by the GSA exhibit booth (#331). One of our associates will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely:

Bill Webster

Bill Webster
Director, GSA Fleet

And the Winners Are...

The Awards Ceremony Breakfast on Thursday, July 22nd will honor this year's winners. Congratulations to the following individuals for their accomplishments. Please refer to the FedFleet 2004 Final Program for more information about each Award and each of the winners.

MSgt Rick D. Armstead of the U.S. Air Force is the EPAAct Award Winner.

Master Sergeant Rick D. Armstead serves as an Air Force (AF) focal point for all policy, doctrine and guidance relating to aircraft and ground fuels used in support of the United States Air Force's diverse mission. Within this capacity, Sergeant Armstead is directly responsible for alternative fuels used to support the AF's 82,000 plus motor vehicle fleet, valued in excess of \$2.1 billion. Additionally, Sergeant Armstead develops/coordinates AF policy and training for the 6,800 military and civilian personnel within the AF Fuels' career field, and advises senior AF leadership on fuel issues. Sergeant Armstead is a staunch supporter of alternative fuels and fuel conservation, and has been a singular driving force within the AF's alternative fuel program.



Sergeant Armstead's relentless support of alternative fuels began during his assignment at Robins AFB, Georgia, where he took the lead in implementing an "alternative-fuel-only" use policy. All alternative fuel vehicles were issued Vehicle Identification Links that would only allow alternative fuel use, completely eliminating the use of conventional petroleum based products.

Due in part to Sergeant Armstead's zealous management of Biodiesel implementation, the AF attained, for the first time, compliance with EPAAct and EO 13149 acquisition mandate of 75 percent...a record 97 percent for 2003.

Through the extraordinary actions of Sergeant Armstead, the United States Air Force's alternative fuel program has dramatically improved, and will continue to improve in the future.

Mr. John Joneikes of the U.S. Navy is the Bob Baker Federal Fleet Manager Award Winner for Large Fleets.

As the fleet manager of the Transportation Department at Navy Public Works Center, Jacksonville, Florida (PWC JAX), Mr. John Joneikis is responsible for a 246 person workforce of government and contracting personnel, an annual budget of over \$21M and the operations and maintenance of 2,658 Civil Engineering Support Equipment valued at \$400M within the Navy Region Southeast.



Some of Mr. Joneikis accomplishments are:

- Provided Basin and Rail Operations support, which included over 25% of the equipment and 80% of the munitions used, in Operation Iraqi Freedom;
- Within 96 hours of the initial request, PWC JAX prepped 26 pieces of support equipment (buses, vans, sedans, etc...) and staged at Blount Island Command for further shipment to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom;
- In the past four years, his Alternate Fuel Vehicle (AFV) Fleet has increased from 35 assets to 250; and
- As an active member of a Business Case Analysis (BCA) team that analyzed and recommended eliminating the use of floating cranes at NS Mayport and shift to using land based mobile cranes. These smart decisions saved the Navy over \$2M over the past two years.

Mr. Joneikis is a self-motivated, forward thinking and mission-oriented manager whose performance is highlighted by dynamic leadership, vision, foresight and impressive organizational and management ability. His contagious enthusiasm and unrelenting drive elicit high productivity, cohesiveness and spirit.

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Mr. John Aracich of the U.S. Navy is the Bob Baker Federal Fleet Manager Award Winner for Small Fleets.



As the Supervisory Automotive Transportation Specialist (Transportation Director), Mr. John Aracich is responsible for the leadership of 87 personnel working in management areas, operational services, and maintenance functions at NAS Sigonella.

Transportation equipment under his control includes 487 pieces. Financial resources under his purview include \$6.2M (equipment fleet capital cost), \$2.5M (civilian and military annual labor cost), and \$2.3M (annual material, parts, fuel, and vehicle lease costs).

Some of Mr. Aracich accomplishments Includes:

- Flawlessly managed the transportation fleet and supported all requirements during Operation Iraqi Freedom, despite the vacancy of both the Equipment Operator Chief and Construction Mechanic Chief billets;

- In support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, he coordinated with the Weapons Department in the successful movement and completion of 1190 mishap-free ordnance and material lifts totaling 2,300 tons in direct support of the U.S. Sixth Fleet operations;
- Orchestrated the transportation of over 1500 military personnel and their gear in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, ensuring all personnel were in position for further movement into the theater despite sometimes hourly schedule changes; and
- Managed the recovery and repairs to a TA-3000 airfield crash fire truck which was overturned during training. He repaired the truck with in-house shop resources, saving an estimated \$110K in contract repair costs.

Mr. Aracich exhibits exceptional professionalism, initiative, innovation, and vision. He is an effective leader who motivates his troops to meet challenging and crisis situations. Most noteworthy, is his ability to motivate his subordinates over the long-term. He possesses irrepressible integrity and commitment to excellence.

They will receive their awards at the Awards Breakfast at The Fourth National Federal Fleet Manager Workshop and Information Fair in New York, New York on July 22, 2004. ■

Acknowledging is Encouraging - THANK YOU

We would like to express our Thanks to those agencies that submitted nominations for the EPA Act and the Bob Baker Fleet Manager of the Year Awards. Also, we wish to give a special Thank You to the individuals who volunteered and served on the selection committee. Those were, Paul Grisby (EPA), Willie Davis (DOI), Rick Lanham (Marshals Service), Joe Gerhart (TSA), and Dionne Askew (USDA). Their job was not easy since there were many extremely well qualified nominees.

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Be sure to stop by exhibit booth #331.

GSA Fleet, Automotive, and Office of Governmentwide Policy are sharing this booth space. Representatives will be available to talk to you about the innovative things each office can do to help you do your best everyday.



Be sure to stop by exhibit booth #368.

It's the right place to be to learn the "who, what, where, when, and why" regarding the Federal Fleet Policy Council (FEDFLEET).

What is it? What can it do for you? Why should you be a member? Where does the Council meet? When are the meetings?

You'll get the answers to these questions and a whole lot more. You'll meet the current council members who are eager to talk to you about the benefits of the Council.



Information about FedFleet 2005 and 2006 is available on www.fedfleet.org. Check back often for updates and details.

From the West Coast

**By Nate Reed, West Coast Representative,
Vehicle Management Policy Division, Office of Governmentwide Policy,
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The General Services Administration, Office of Governmentwide Policy, Vehicle Management Policy Division (MTV) continues its unwavering support of local FedFleet chapters. There are chapters in San Francisco, California; Seattle, Washington; Portland, Oregon/Vancouver, Washington; Anchorage, Alaska; Salt Lake City, Utah; Boise, Idaho; Norfolk, Virginia; Fairbanks, Alaska; and Kansas City, Missouri.

Through the establishment of these local FedFleet chapters, we are opening and improving the lines of communication between organizations. They allow Federal fleet managers and vehicle operators, at the field level, to address their concerns and to be actively involved when there is proposed policy changes affecting the Federal fleet community. Thus, providing added valuable and real world experiences to the decision-making processes of future fleet

policy and developing user-friendlier Federal vehicle fleet policies.

Since MTV support for local FedFleet Chapters continues to grow, efforts are underway to initiate additional chapters throughout the major metropolitan areas within the USA. The benefits are endless, would your area benefit from a local FedFleet chapter? ■

An Insider's Guide to New York City (NYC)

So you haven't been to NYC before, but you always wanted to visit? Well, now that you're here, what are you going to do about it?

Or, you've been here before and now you're back for more. I bet you haven't seen everything you wanted to. There is always something to see and do in "the city that never sleeps".

NYC has something to offer everyone, literally 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The dining and sightseeing possibilities are considered the best in the world. There is so much right outside your door. Take advantage of this convenience. Be sure to just get out there, walk the streets, and discover what a terrific place it truly is.

NYC has it all! There are too many attractions to mention in this short document so here are just a few hints from a "real" New Yorker. ■

- You'll notice that New Yorkers think fast, walk fast, and talk even faster. We love our City and are very enthusiastic about it – just ask anyone of us! And we are probably the **friendliest** people you will ever meet – so do not hesitate to ask us for directions.
 - Don't forget a **camera** – you'll want to capture on film all of the great things you see.
 - Take advantage of the fact that our headquarter hotel is directly across the street from the **NYC Visitor Information Center**. What a tremendous resource for all visitors on everything there is to do and see in NYC.
 - Take a ride on the NYC transit **buses or subways**, like a "Native New Yorker". If you take the bus you'll be able to take in the sites by looking out the windows! Be sure to have your MetroCard in-hand.
 - Keep an eye out for **street vendors**, who sell a wide array of items at great prices, like wallets, pocketbooks, scarves, watches, jewelry, t-shirts, and photos of famous NYC sites.
 - Take a leisurely stroll or horse-drawn carriage ride through **Central Park**.
 - Sit back and relax on a **Circle Line cruise** around Manhattan Island.
 - Visit the top of the **Empire State Building**. The 360-degree view from the Observation Desk is incredible. You'll feel like you are on top of the world! The view at sunset is especially spectacular. Make sure you visit when the air is clear;
- otherwise the view is not as good (it really does make a difference).
- The **NYC Public Library** (on 5th Avenue & 42nd Street) dates back to 1911. Aside from its beautiful rooms inside, you'll want to check out the world-renowned pair of marble lions that stand in front of the Library. Bet you didn't know their names are Patience and Fortitude. It's a great place for a photograph!
 - Catch a baseball game in "the house that Ruth built". **Yankee Stadium** is located at 161st Street and River Avenue in the Bronx. Take the #4 subway (or the D or B [weekdays only]) to the 161st Street /Yankee Stadium station, which is right outside the Stadium. A subway ride from midtown Manhattan takes less than 25 minutes.
 - Catch a Mets game at **Shea Stadium** is located at 123-01 Roosevelt Avenue in Flushing (Queens) (phone: 718-507-METS). The #7 IRT Flushing Line Subway goes directly to Shea Stadium; the station stop is called Willets Point / Shea Stadium.
 - Take a look at the *recently revitalized* **Grand Central Station**, which is one Manhattan's most important landmarks and is a major rail station. It's in the heart of midtown Manhattan at 42nd Street and Park Avenue. It contains 50 retail shops, 22 restaurants, and a host of fresh foods at the Grand Central Market.
 - Take the ferry to **Ellis Island**. The **Statue of Liberty** is scheduled to re-open this summer (specific date to be determined).
 - Grab a slice of pizza or a bagel – you won't find any better anywhere else.

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- Catch a **show** on-Broadway or off-Broadway.
- Enjoy some incredible nightlife or live **entertainment**.
- *Sharing a taxi* ride with some friends will save you some money – it's the same fare for one to four people.
- View impressive artwork at a **museum**, like the Metropolitan Museum, Museum of Natural History, or the Guggenheim.
- **Shop** and then shop some more at the legendary Garment District or Madison and Fifth Avenues. Macy's on 34th Street is the world's largest department store.
- Take a walk through the quaint area of **Little Italy** and you'll be delighted by the irresistible aromas of the Italian bakeries and restaurants, which can satisfy any appetite. The heart of Little Italy is Mulberry Street.
- Take a walk through **Chinatown**, which is right next to Little Italy. On its narrow streets you'll find hundreds of restaurants serving every imaginable type of Chinese cuisine as well as galleries and shops. The heart of Chinatown is Canal Street.
- Don't forget the **CityPass** Program – visit six famous attractions once for one low price. It is an unbelievable deal! (<http://citypass.net>)
- There is so much to do on the 900 foot-long aircraft carrier **U.S.S. Intrepid**.
 - Tour the British Airways **Concorde**, the ultimate in luxury air travel and the world's only supersonic passenger aircraft.
 - Pilot an F-18 hornet
 - Ride the G-Force Encounter flight simulator thrill ride
 - Take the Special Forces Challenge at the brand new Rock Climbing Wall
 - Enjoy a behind the scenes look at flight deck operations aboard a modern aircraft carrier in the complimentary film "*Intrepid Wings*"
- The **Chelsea Piers Sports & Entertainment Complex** is located between 17th & 23rd Streets along the Hudson River in Manhattan (phone: 212-336-6800). Take either the M23 or M14 bus to Chelsea Piers. It is a 30-acre waterfront sports and recreation village. This incredible place features a golf driving range & teaching center, roller- and ice-skating rinks, bowling center, batting cages, and facilities for gymnastics, dance, rock climbing, martial arts, soccer, and basketball. There are also on-site restaurants, dining cruises, and sports shops.
- The lower tip of Manhattan is also called Lower Manhattan or Downtown. It is where the East and Hudson Rivers meet. This area is also where New York City began. And believe it or not, it was also our nation's first capital (the "Federal Hall Memorial" is the spot where George Washington took his oath as America's first President). Lower Manhattan has become the financial capital of the world, the heart of which is Wall Street, the New York Stock Exchange, and the Federal Reserve Bank.
- For "Seinfeld" fans (myself included), NYC is the place for you.
 - **Kramer's Reality Tour:** Join the "real" Kramer for a hysterical, historical, and informative tour through the world of "*Seinfeld*". Come hang-out with everyone's favorite neighbor! (www.kennykramer.com) (phone: 212-268-5525)
 - **The Coffee Shop:** Is actually "*Tom's Restaurant*". It originally became famous when mentioned in the song "*Tom's Diner*" by Suzanne Vega. Located at 2880 Broadway (on the Upper Westside of Manhattan in the Morningside Heights neighborhood). Take the #1 or #9 subway line to the 116th Street / Columbia University / Broadway station (phone: 212-864-6137).
 - **The Soup Nazi:** Is actually "*Soup Kitchen International*". It is closed during the summer and on weekends, so you'll have to visit on your next trip to NYC. Located at 259A West 55th Street (between 8th Avenue & Broadway) (phone: 212-757-7730).
- For John Lennon fans, you can stop by "**Strawberry Fields**", which is a section of Central Park that pays tribute to the late Beatles member. "**The Dakota**", the place where John Lennon lived, is also located right near the Park.
- To pay your respects at "**Ground Zero**", take the E subway line to the World Trade Center station or the R or W subway line to the Cortlandt Street / Church Street station.

Please note, this Insider's Guide is presented purely for your enjoyment and convenience. And it is submitted respectfully by Laurie S. Feld (FedFleet Project Manager). Hope you find the Guide useful and fun. And may your stay in NYC be unforgettable and delightful. ■

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Upcoming Changes to the Medium and Heavy Truck Program

Nearly three years ago, GSA Automotive changed the procurement method covering the Medium and Heavy Truck program from a multi-vendor program to a GSA Multiple Award Schedule (MAS). The move was made to allow more flexibility in adding new product lines, administer price changes and to allow customers to conduct the complete procurement process directly with the schedule contractors.

However, after working with the MAS contracts, we discovered issues associated with timeliness and administration. We also found that most customers still preferred to place orders through GSA Automotive.

To ensure timely contract awards, we are removing the Medium and Heavy trucks from GSA Multiple Award Schedule 23V and returning to a multi-vendor, indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity program effective October 1, 2004. You may continue to use MAS Schedules for Medium and Heavy trucks thru September 30, 2004. GSA will be issuing a solicitation on or about July 1, 2004, with fixed price contract awards anticipated to be available on AutoChoice on or about October 1, 2004. All vehicles awarded will meet the new Federal Vehicle Standards in effect at time of award. Our standard 1% processing fee will apply to all Medium and Heavy truck orders placed. While under the MAS program, GSA did not provide vehicle inspection to vehicles ordered directly through the contractor. Starting October 1, 2004, all vehicles ordered under the multi-vendor program will now be inspected by GSA before delivery to the customer. For those customers that have been placing orders directly with the contractors, you will have to resume placing your orders through GSA Automotive via AutoChoice www.autochoice.gsa.gov.

If you require assistance or have questions, contact GSA Automotive's Customer CARE hotline at (703) 308-CARS (2277) or email at vehiclebuying@gsa.gov. ■



Changes to FAST

GSA's Vehicle Management Policy Division is adding budget reporting to the Federal Automotive Statistical Tool (FAST) this year.

The Federal Automotive Statistical Tool (FAST) is an Internet-based reporting tool that collects motor vehicle inventory, cost, utilization, and fuel data from Federal agencies to support GSA's annual Federal Motor Vehicle Report and the Department of Energy's alternative fuel reporting requirements. GSA, Energy, and the Energy Information Agency jointly developed the system. Until now, FAST collected a "snapshot" of the Federal motor vehicle fleet as of September 30th of each year. Starting this year, there will be significant changes to FAST in the level of data reported and also in the way that agencies classify their motor vehicles.

The most significant change will be the inclusion of agency motor vehicle budget reporting to support the Office of Management and Budget's annual A-11 Budget process. Previously, this requirement was part of each agency's A-11 budget package prepared most often by agency budget offices. Starting this year, the motor vehicle portion of the A-11 will be prepared by agency Fleet Managers in FAST and submitted electronically to their budget offices who will then submit it directly to OMB. *Because of these changes, all agencies that operate motor vehicle fleets must report this data through FAST, regardless of the number of vehicle involved. Failure to report the*

A-11 FAST data may impact funding for future motor vehicle operations.

The OMB A-11 submissions will differ from the regular FAST data input because it will include forecast data for future years instead of static numbers for the prior year and include narratives explaining changes in fleet size or costs and vehicle allocation methodology. New input screens have been developed for the OMB portion of FAST. The usual FAST data will still be entered by all agencies, regardless of fleet size. .

There will also be changes to vehicle classifications in FAST, adding categories for sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and passenger vans, plus additional clarifications for law enforcement and armored vehicles. Special purpose vehicles will not be separated into a separate category anymore, as these vehicles will be reported in the appropriate vehicle type and weight classification categories. There will be a new category for emergency response and fire apparatus vehicles. These changes may affect agency exemptions under EPACT and the Executive Order for alternative fuel vehicle reporting requirements.

A major shift in the way that agencies report data into both the regular FAST input screens and the new OMB forecast screens is that operating inventory will now be reported instead of just a static snapshot of the inventory. The operating inventory is defined as the vehicles now in use by each agency.

This does not include new motor vehicles received, but waiting assignment, nor does it include motor vehicles removed from assignment and waiting disposal. Basically, the operating inventory is what each agency actually uses to complete its mission.

As you can see, the changes in FAST this year will present many new challenges for Fleet Managers this year. Agency and Bureau Fleet Managers are encouraged to work closely with their budget offices before and during the reporting process to ensure a smooth transition to the new OMB A-11 reporting procedure. The changes also present new challenges for those agencies that do not have detailed management information systems in place for their fleets that collect the level of data needed for the efficient management of these assets. GSA MTV will present two breakout sessions during FedFleet 2004, so be sure you have these on your agenda to get the latest scoop on FAST and to have your questions answered. As in the past, GSA and the Department of Energy will sponsor FAST conference call training sessions before the FAST data call.

Additional assistance may be obtained by contacting Michael Moses of GSA's Vehicle Management Policy Division at (202) 501-2507 or email at mike.moses@gsa.gov. Representative from GSA are available to meet individually with your agency to discuss your agency's FAST submissions or to assist your agency in developing successful management information systems to support your fleet operations. ■

U.S. Government License Plates in the District of Columbia

Federal motor vehicles operating or housed in the District of Columbia are no longer required to obtain license plates from the District of Columbia Department of Transportation.

Federal Management Regulation 102-34.170 currently requires all Federal agencies with motor vehicles primarily housed or operated within the District of Columbia (DC) to register these vehicles with the DC Department of Transportation (DOT), to use official U.S. Government license plates issued by the DC DOT, and to have these vehicles inspected for safety defects at DC inspection facilities. These procedures were set forth by a DC Code that was initially a Congressional requirement, therefore mandating Federal agency compliance. On January 22, 2001, the District of Columbia amended this code, thus canceling the Congressional mandate for Federal agencies to use these special license plates. As a result, these special licensing procedures are no longer required.

Federal agencies no longer need to obtain the special license plates (usually having a prefix of "US") from the DC Government, nor do they have to register motor vehicles owned or leased with the DC DOT, or have them inspected for mechanical defects. Federal agencies that currently have these DC-issued license plates should turn them in to the DC DOT and place their own agency license plates that have their particular agency prefix code on these motor vehicles.

These changes do not affect motor vehicles exempted from the display of official identification and license plates in accordance with FMR 102-34.180, 102-34.195, and

102-34.200. However, if an unmarked motor vehicle also has U.S. Government license plates issued by the DC DOT, these plates will be returned to the DC DOT. Once an unmarked motor vehicle returns to service that requires marking and official identification, the owning agency will install the official license plates assigned to that agency.

These changes do not affect Federal agency compliance with mandatory emission inspections of any State, including the District of Columbia, or requirements levied against agencies requiring State license plates for unmarked motor vehicles. These changes will be reflected in an upcoming amendment to FMR 102-34.

Please contact Michael Moses at (202) 501-2507 or at email mike.moses@gsa.gov if you have any questions on this or any motor vehicle issue. ■



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Federal Vehicle Policy Division (MTV)

The Federal Vehicle Policy Division's mission is to ensure the effective and efficient use of the Federal Government's 590,000 motor vehicles and the expenditure of close to \$2 billion annually on fleet operations through innovative policies, adoption of best practices, effective communication, and leading edge technologies.

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